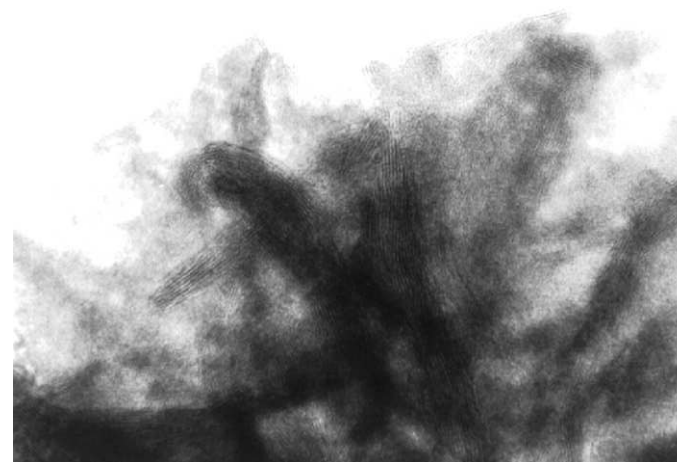
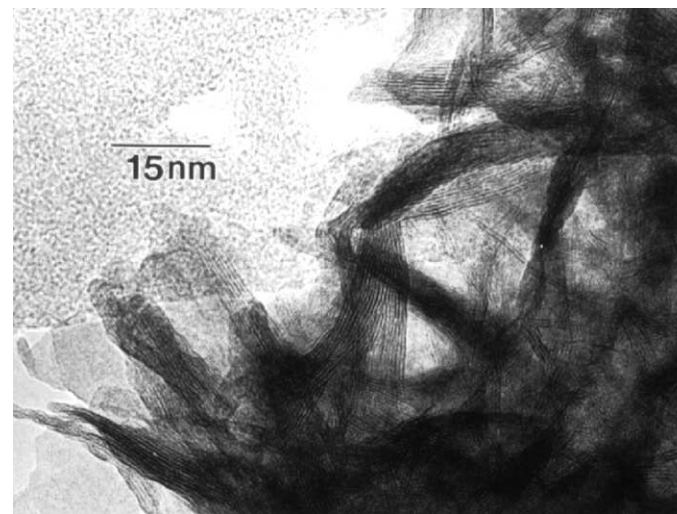


**Sorption curves of La on three model minerals:
Birnessite (δ - MnO_2), goethite (α - FeOOH), and rutile (TiO_2)**



Untreated birnessite (top) has a needle-like morphology. After La sorption at pH 5 the needles are coated with multilayers of lanthanum hydroxide, indicative of a dominant surface precipitation mechanism.

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